

Parish of Our Lady of Consolation and St. Gabriel

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Welcome to the parish of Our Lady of Consolation and St. Gabriel.
If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Canon Tim and complete a new parishioner form available at both churches.

Do take your newsletter home with you.

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon and on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. The deadline for items for the newsletter is 12noon on Thursday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place during the 9.15am Mass TODAY and next Sunday 18th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Billingshurst 18th - 25th January

Monday 19th January St. Gabriel's Hall:
The Church worldwide, thinking especially of those who are persecuted for their faith.

Tuesday 20th January St Mary's Room:
Older folk in our community, Seniors' Coffee morning, Dementia Cafe etc.

Wednesday 21st January The Community Centre: *Our Young People, Baby Zone, BFC toddlers, Messy Church and our local schools.*

Thursday 22nd January Trinity URC:
Street Pastors, our church leaders and our village generally. This is an opportunity for us to pray for all aspects of our village life, and beyond, and we hope you will come along and be a part of this.

All prayer meetings start with coffee at 7.30pm.
The week will conclude with a service at St. Mary's at 6.30pm on Sunday 25th January.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as possible.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian John Maher, a former parishioner at St. Gabriel's, who died on 13th December. His Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of England, Storrington on Tuesday 20th January at 11am.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Sybil Gasche, Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, Pat Cox, John Gladman, Mary Gleeson, Philip Baker and all the sick or housebound of the parish.

Please pray for Fr Sebastian Paul and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray for Archbishop-Elect Richard as he prepares to move to Westminster.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026

Divine Office: Week 1 Year A

The Baptism of the Lord

The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord is the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises.

Taken from the Vatican News website

Our Lady of Consolation 150th Anniversary

In the 1870's, Pope Pius IX agreed that the new church being built in West Grinstead would be a shrine church dedicated to Our Lady of Consolation. The church would act as a thanksgiving for the part that the people of this area had played in keeping the Catholic faith alive during the Reformation and beyond, ensuring nearly 1000 years of continuous Catholic worship at West Grinstead.

The "solemn opening" of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation took place on the 27th June 1876 making our church 150 years old this year.

Exactly 150 years on from this date, on Saturday 27th June 2026, we plan to celebrate this anniversary. Please put the date in your diaries now and look out for more information to follow later in the year.

To read more about the history of the Shrine please visit

<http://www.consolation.org.uk/about>

2nd Collections

TODAY Sunday 11th January Collection for the work in the Holy Land of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The order financially supports schools, parishes and the seminary in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Next Sunday 18th January Pax Christi The Bishops' Conference encourages us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. We will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.



January's newsletter is on display on the noticeboards at both churches. You can also access it online at Sue's Church Page blog. Please take a look.

We will update this list each month so please contact the Parish Office if you wish your name or that of a friend or loved one to remain on the list.

Exploring the vocation to teaching in our**diocesan schools** – online event -Tuesday 13 January – 5.30pm to 6.30pm

If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please go to the diocesan website.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word,

24 January, 11 - 4pm at St Michael's Church, Worthing BN13 3AL. Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. Register your free place at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5?ct=t>

Tuesday 27th January at 7pm **Catholic Women**

Walking with Women: Engaged Women. A Faith Journey Through Life's Seasons is a year-long webinar series designed to meet women where they truly are, in the real circumstances and rhythms of life, and to explore how God walks with us in every season. Email admin@NBCW.co.uk to register.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's Ministry in Arundel & Brighton,

30 January, 6.30pm, Arundel Cathedral. People across our diocesan family are invited to join a special cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by +Richard, followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. There is no need to register to attend the Mass, all are welcome.

Mental Health Awareness Training,

7 February, 10am-3pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP (£40). The number of people experiencing poor mental health is rising. This course will help attendees understand the impact and reality of poor mental health, enabling them to identify the early signs and symptoms and signpost people effectively. Book your place at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz?ct=t>

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Paul Whitehouse and Friends All Star Comedy

Gala in Aid of PACT, 30 March, London Palladium (Cost: from £36). Book at <https://lwtheatres.co.uk/whats-on/paul-whitehouse-and-friends-all-star-comedy-gala/?ct=t>

CORE TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 14th January 7.30pm.

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11th January 2026

Sunday 11th January <i>Feast The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Dolores & Pio</i> <i>Frendo-Cumbo RIP</i>
Monday 12th January	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 13th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>The Westlake family</i> <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 14th January	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Dolores & Pio</i> <i>Frendo-Cumbo RIP</i>
Thursday 15th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 16th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Bill Cheesman RIP</i>
Saturday 17th January <i>Mem. St. Antony, Abbot</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 18th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Josephine Hawkins</i> <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11.15am Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead
Saturday 10.00am St. Gabriel's, Billingshurst

	11th January	18th January
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban-Jackson	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge
9.15am Readers	Brian Richards Sue Petritz	Gary Richards Margaret Steed
9.15am Collectors	Adrian Frisby Vicky Chandler	The Carter family
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Jacqui Merridew	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Tessa Richards Vijay Anthony Margaret Steed	Vijay Anthony Karen Goldsmith Sue Pirie
9.15am Counters	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	Debbie Thurley Jacqui Merridew	Gary Richards Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Carol Cooper Jenny Marsden	Phil Bleasdale Robin Landells
Readings for 18th January: 1 st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5 - 6 Psalm: 40 2 nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 1 - 3 Gospel: John 1: 29 - 34		

PARISH GIVING 4th JANUARY

St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 208.50
Tea/Coffee: £ 22.40
December's Standing Orders: £1,774.00
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £ 235.00
December's Standing Orders: £1,201.00
Christmas Offering: £2,398.00